

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1171

Introduced by Assembly Member Levine

February 22, 2013

An act to add Section 16521.6 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to child welfare services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1171, as introduced, Levine. Child welfare services: electronic records.

Existing law requires a foster care provider, in consultation with the county case manager, to be responsible for ensuring that a foster youth or nonminor dependent is provided with appropriate referrals to health services when the foster youth either reaches 18 years of age or the nonminor dependent exits foster care, and to the extent county and state resources are provided.

This bill would require, beginning January 1, 2014, as a pilot program in 3 counties that agree to participate, and as determined by the State Department of Social Services, a social worker or other representative of the county welfare department or a probation officer or other representative of the probation department, as appropriate, to assist a child or nonminor dependent, 16 years of age or older, or when he or she makes the request, with establishing and obtaining electronic copies of specified records, including, but not limited to, medical or health records, a certified copy of his or her birth certificate, and a social security card.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16521.6 is added to the Welfare and
 2 Institutions Code, to read:
 3 16521.6. (a) When a child is 16 years of age or older, or when
 4 he or she makes the request, a social worker or other representative
 5 of the county welfare department or a probation officer or other
 6 representative of the probation department, as appropriate, shall
 7 assist the child or nonminor dependent with establishing and
 8 obtaining electronic copies of his or her records, including, but
 9 not limited to:

- 10 (1) Medical or health records.
- 11 (2) Certified copy of his or her birth certificate.
- 12 (3) Social security card.
- 13 (4) Letter proving the child or nonminor dependent was a ward
 14 or dependent of the court.
- 15 (5) Special immigrant juvenile status, if applicable.
- 16 (6) School records.
- 17 (7) Driver’s license, as described in Section 12500 of the Vehicle
 18 Code, or identification card, as described in Section 13000 of the
 19 Vehicle Code.
- 20 (8) Background and contact information of siblings and other
 21 family members.
- 22 (9) Application to seal juvenile court records.

23 (b) This section shall be a pilot program in three counties that
 24 agree to participate, as determined by the State Department of
 25 Social Services, beginning on January 1, 2014.

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